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ERDA FOR A. NELSON TARDIFF FROM HENCOH

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SUBJECT: HUDSON INSTITUTE ENERGY INTERDEPENDENCE PROPOSAL

REF: JAN 19 LTR TARDIFF TO HENCOH

1. HUDSON PROPOSAL APPEARS SOMEWHAT FAR-OUT. ANALYSIS OF INTERESTS OF JAPAN AND US IN PACIFIC BASIN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL FOR US-JAPAN COOPERATION COULD BE, IF WELL DONE, USEFUL AS BASIS FOR REVIEWING ENERGY POLICY RELATIONSHIPS BUT DOUBTFUL THAT MEANINGFUL ASSESSMENT COULD BE DONE ON SCALE PROPOSED. SCENARIOS AND CASE STUDIES VERY QUESTIONABLE. SPECIFICALLY, KOREAN CASE STUDY WOULD BE OF LITTLE VALUE SINCE WRITER NOT WELL-INFORMED AND UNLIKELY THAT REAL BACKGROUND WOULD BE AVAILABLE OR MEANINGFULLY EVALUATABLE IN SUPERFICIAL STUDY LIKE THIS ONE. JAPAN SUNSHINE PROJECT HAS BEEN ANALYZED TO DEATH BY NEWS MEDIA WITH LITTLE APPARENT BENEFIT OR IMPACT. BELIEVE FORMULATION POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING US-JAPANESE ENERGY COOPERATION USEFUL IF SCENARIOS AND CASE STUDIES NOT PREREQUISITE AND IF RECOMMENDATIONS HAD REALLY SOLID BASE.

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2. ON OTHER HAND, RAND CORP HAS GOVERNMENT CONTRACT FOR STUDIES OF SIMILAR NATURE. PAUL LANGER AND FRED HOFFMAN VISITED TOKYO REGARDING JAPAN-US ENERGY POLICY RELATED ISSUES, INCLUDING ARMS CONTROL AND RELATION TO FOREIGN POLICY. NRC COMMISSIONER GILINSKI, PRIOR TO PRESENT ASSIGNMENT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH LANGER AND HOFFMAN ON SAME STUDIES. LANGER HAS LONG TERM ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT AND WITH JAPAN. SUGGEST CHECK RAND PRIOR TO DECISION ON HUDSON PROPOSAL.
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